

Generic Core-Scoring Guide for AP European History
Document Based Question
 (Score scale 0-9)

Basic Core	Points	Expanded Core
Has an acceptable thesis that directly addresses the question.	1	Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis.
Uses at least a majority of the documents. (Half + 1)	1	Uses all or almost all documents. (Total -1)
May misinterpret no more than one document.	1	Addresses all parts of the question thoroughly.
Demonstrates understanding of the documents by correctly using a majority of them to support the thesis.	1	Analyzes point of view or bias in at least four documents cited in essay.
Analyzes point of view or bias in at least three documents.	1	Shows understanding of nuances in the documents.
Analyzes documents by organizing them in at least three groups.	1	Uses documents persuasively as evidence.
		Analyzes the documents in additional ways or groupings.
		Brings in relevant “outside” historical content.
Total Basic Points Possible If <u>all</u> Basic Points have been earned a student may earn points from the Expanded Core	6	1 <u>Expanded Core</u> point each can be earned for meeting up to 3 of the above conditions
Total Points Possible 9		